



## Sweeping Gains By Labor In N.Z.

### Rent Control Effective In Saskatchewan Cities

REGINA (CPA) — Effectiveness of Saskatchewan's rent control legislation in keeping rents down in this province is indicated strikingly in the cost of living index for October, 1950, Attorney-General J. W. Corman, K.C., stated. The Saskatchewan figure stands nearly 10 points below that for the Dominion.

The October, 1950, rent index in Saskatchewan was 9.4 points lower than the Dominion rent index, according to monthly cost of living index figures, prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and compiled and issued in Saskatchewan by the provincial department of labor. (Figures for the city of Saskatoon are used to represent the province generally.)

**Almost 10 Per Cent Less**  
The Saskatoon rent index figure was 126.1 compared to the Dominion figure of 135.5. Since  
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J. W. CORMAN, K.C.,  
Attorney General of Saskatchewan, has announced that rentals in his province are 10 points below that for the Dominion.

### ONLY 5% ALBERTANS FINISH HIGH SCHOOL

OTTAWA (CPA)—Out of the 20,000 new students who enter Alberta schools each year, only 1,000 will complete high school, according to Mr. Andrew Stewart, president of the University of Alberta. Not all of that 1,000 will go to university, he said. Out of the 20,000, moreover, only 11,000 will complete grade nine.

While one in twenty is thus qualified to enter university, a still smaller proportion of students can actually take advantage of higher learning because of economic handicaps. Perhaps one in twenty-five actually gets to university.

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### "PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS" BROADCAST BY ROPER

Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., C.C.F. Provincial Leader, will be the speaker in the "Provincial Affairs" broadcast series on Monday, December 11, at 6:45 p.m. It will be carried by the C.B.C.'s network stations CFRN, CFCN and CHAT.

### Fear, Competition

### DENIED RIGHT TO CHEAP INSURANCE

REGINA.—Four provinces have now refused The Saskatchewan Guarantee and Fidelity Company a license to sell insurance, according to O. W. Valteau, vice-chairman of The Guarantee and Fidelity Company.

The Manitoba government has notified M. F. Allore, manager of The Saskatchewan Guarantee and Fidelity Company, that the application by the company for a license to operate in Manitoba "was not approved."

The Manitoba rejection follows similar refusals to allow licenses by the governments of Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario last spring.

The Saskatchewan Guarantee and Fidelity Company was purchased by The Saskatchewan government a year ago and is operated by the management of The Saskatchewan Government Insurance office.

### 11-Month Wait

Application for a license was made by management in January, 1950, and a period of 11 months  
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### B.C. FARMERS WANT PRICE CONTROLS

VANCOUVER (CPA). — The federal government was called upon to reinstate a policy of price controls, close the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and make "greater attempts" to establish federal and provincial marketing boards by the 17th annual convention of the B.C. Federation of Agriculture, meeting in Vancouver, Nov. 22 and 23.

The convention urged the federal government "to recognize that Canada is an exporting agricultural nation and that greater attempts be made to secure more markets, especially in Great Britain."

Delegates apparently think that auto insurance rates in B.C. are too high. The attorney general was requested "to take competent measures" to control motor vehicle insurance rates and "to enforce equitable treatment for vehicle owners in rural areas in respect of these rates."

### DIPHTHERIA DEATHS DOWN TO 85, BRITAIN

OTTAWA (CPA). — Deaths from diphtheria in Britain have fallen from 2,981 in 1938 to an estimated 85 in 1949.

### Radio Speaker



PREMIER T. C. DOUGLAS of Saskatchewan, will be the speaker in "The Nation's Business" program on CBX on Tuesday, December 12, at 9:15 p.m.

### C.I.O. ASKS SAY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS

CHICAGO (CPA)—The results of the November 7 elections were "no repudiation" of either the C.I.O. or President Truman, National C.I.O. President Philip Murray told the opening session of the 12th annual C.I.O. convention here November 20.

Murray declared that the C.I.O. would continue to press for a liberal program in Congress, including repeal of the Taft-Hartley act. At the same time, he insisted that organized labor must have a greater role in the conduct of foreign affairs, notably in the activities of the state department.  
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### Successes Scored In Civic Vote

By MAURICE KITCHING

WELLINGTON, N.Z.—One year ago the Nationalist Party scraped into office as the government of New Zealand by a 4% majority of the total voters.

If only 2.5% had voted the other way Labor would have been able to continue its 14 years of prosperous administration. Today, after a year of Nationalist government, soaring living costs and ever-increasing prices, there is every indication that another general election would throw the Tories out and put Labor back, so resentful have the people become.

Incontrovertible proof of the changed public attitude was given in the nation-wide municipal elections held last month. Throughout the country there was a great swing towards Labor, and more of the party's candidates were elected to city and borough councils, hospital boards, harbor boards, electric power and gas boards, than probably ever before.

There was a corresponding rejection of Tory candidates.  
The People Speak  
Miss Mabel Howard, outspoken woman M.P., put it this way: "The  
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### British Coal Board To Modernize The Mines

LONDON (CPA) — Britain's Coal Board is planning a modernization program in the British mines which will call for an expenditure of nearly \$500,000,000. The program is aimed at improving a situation in the mines which has resulted in a steady fall of manpower in that vital industry. The drift away from the mines by former miners is believed to be the main cause of a drop in production of nearly 2,500,000 tons a year.

### Modern Lay-out

Improvements to mines will include a modern lay-out for each mine with high and wide roadways above ground, and underground railways to the farthest workings. Modern coal-cutting machines will be installed, as well as mechanical loaders and conveyors at every coalface. Several new mines will be sunk, and out-of-date or inefficient pits will be closed.

### Complete Survey

Every mine in the country has been surveyed by the Coal Board



PHILIP NOEL-BAKER  
Minister of Fuel

to ascertain what the nation's coal reserves are and whether they are sufficient to warrant the mines being reorganized. It is anticipated that almost half of the existing pits in Britain will be closed  
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### PERSONAL STUFF

BY  
E. E. R.

"One of the urgent problems which faced the provincial convention of the C.C.F. in Edmonton last week was the future—if any—of the People's Weekly. The experience of the past couple of years has indicated that the paper needs financial assistance in addition to its ordinary revenue. In other words, as a business venture it is a losing proposition. The problem was dumped into the lap of the convention, without any recommendation from the provincial Board or Executive. It became the convention's baby. So there were two questions considered by the delegates. The first was, is the People's Weekly worth keeping? The answer to that one was that the convention not only considered it desirable to have an official organ for the C.C.F. in Alberta, but that it would be an almost fatal blow to the movement in the province if the paper were allowed to cease publication. This feeling was emphatic and unanimous. The second question was, what can we do about it? The answer came from the floor of the convention. It was that there must be a systematic provision made for the extra revenue required to keep the paper going. So, a "Friends of the People's Weekly Club" was set up through which friends of the paper may systematically contribute to its support.

This spontaneous plan to keep the paper coming out regularly provides for the enrolment of members of the "Club," who agree  
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# Advertising Par Excellence

By Lorne Ingle

IN THE Reader's Digest of October, 1950, there appeared a condensation of a book by one Gayelord Hauser. It was entitled "Look Younger, Live Longer."

People are interested in looking younger and living longer. The article and the book were widely read, both in Canada and the United States. People who cannot



afford to pay the present high cost of proper medical care are anxious to pick up any scraps of information which may be helpful in avoiding doctor and hospital bills. Gayelord Hauser gives them some.

Competent authorities have told me that the advice which Mr. Hauser gives is sound. He has evidently consulted some authoritative nutritionists and there is little wrong with the general case he presents, although he adds a few frills that are not essential.

Mr. Hauser's advice to people who read his book (and the Reader's Digest condensation of it) that they should be careful to eat certain "wonder foods" and that they should eat them every day, to quote him specifically he says: "To add years to your life get acquainted with and use every day these five wonder foods: powdered brewer's yeast; powdered skim milk, yogurt, wheat germ and blackstrap molasses." He also urges people to "eat only unrefined foods."

#### So Do Other Foods

The particular food he mentions do, in fact, contain all of the vitamins and other nutrients that he

says they do. But so do other foods that can be just as easily, and in some instances more easily, obtained. For example, he urges people to use "yogurt." That's fine. But from a nutrition point of view all of the vitamins, etc., that are contained in yogurt are also contained in ordinary milk. The benefits he claims can be obtained from unrefined blackstrap molasses can also be obtained from ordinary cooking molasses.

#### Thereby Hangs a Tale

It becomes evident that the "wonder foods" Gayelord Hauser is promoting are foods which are not easily obtainable in the ordinary grocery stores. Thereby hangs a tale. What is not disclosed in the Reader's Digest condensation of his book is that Mr. Gayelord owns a chain of "health food" stores across the United States which feature the sale of these particular "wonder foods."

Both the Reader's Digest article and his book are a wonderful advertisement for the health foods he sells in his stores. Not only does Mr. Hauser avoid paying for his advertising, he receives income from it. Furthermore, he gives lectures at various centres to which he charges admission. He is apparently a fluent and entertaining speaker and thousands of people pay thousands of dollars to hear him speak and advertise the foods he sells in his stores.

Talk about smart advertising techniques! This one takes the cake.

#### Sequel For Canadians

The appearance of the condensation of Mr. Hauser's book in Reader's Digest has had a sequel for Canadians. Shortly after the October issue of the Reader's Digest appeared, Canadians who read the book condensation began

shopping about for the "wonder foods" that Hauser advocated. They soon discovered that there was only one of them which they could readily obtain in Canada, namely, blackstrap molasses. (It should be noted that so far as is known Gayelord Hauser has no interest in the blackstrap molasses sold in Canada). Merchants began, pushing the sale of this commodity, pinning up in their store windows copies of the article from Reader's Digest saying how "wonderful" blackstrap molasses was, etc., etc. Sales skyrocketed over night. So did the price. The Ottawa price went up from 10c and 15c a gallon to a \$1.50 and \$2.00 a gallon. People still figured that it was a cheaper source of Vitamin B and iron than the expensive brand preparations they bought at the drug store.

#### Unsanitary

The catch is, however, that the blackstrap molasses admitted to Canada is not intended for, and in many cases not fit for, human consumption. Its chief use has been as an animal feed. It is not prepared and packaged with the same care as is required for foods intended for human consumption. It comes in in great rough casks and all manner of foreign material is apt to be found in it, from rubber gaskets to bits of metal and decomposed mice. It is ladled out of these casks into small packages for sale in food stores, and the customers don't know the difference.

Actually there is nothing necessarily poisonous or harmful in the manner in which it is prepared. It's just unsanitary and revolting!

It is about time the government took action to protect the Canadian public from the consequences of Mr. Gayelord Hauser's promotional activities.

## AFTERMATH OF RAIL CRASH



Despite a series of investigations into the cause of the Long Island railroad crash by New York's Mayor Vincent Impellitteri (above) and other government officials, commuters are not satisfied. They are demanding public ownership and an efficient operating body to prevent disasters such as the Thanksgiving eve crash, which cost 78 lives.

## Rent Control

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this was the only major category except fuel and light in which Saskatoon was not ahead of the rest of Canada, the favorable rent index figure can be attributed to the effect of rent control. The rent control legislation came into force in Saskatchewan on April 1, 1950.

Further proof that the legislation is keeping rents down, Mr. Gorman said, is that the rent index figure in Saskatoon has remained constant since April, 1949, while over the same period the Dominion figure rose steadily, from 132.7 to 135.5 in October of this year. In November, 1949, the Saskatoon and Dominion figures were the same: 123.9. Total index for Saskatoon during October, 1950, was 168.2, which was 2.5 points below the Dominion total, almost entirely due to the lower rents prevailing in the province.

## 351 CITIES IN U.S.

### ASK PRICE CONTROLS

WASHINGTON (I.P.A.).—In 351 towns and cities where the question of continuing federal rent controls was on the ballot, 313 with a population of 5,552,000, voted Nov. 7 to keep controls beyond Dec. 31, when the federal controls expire. In Massachusetts, 265 towns, including Boston with 4,600,000 population, voted to keep controls, 37 towns with 35,000 total population voted against.

## 63% OF AMERICANS FAVOR PRICE CURBS

WASHINGTON (C.P.A.).—A recent Gallup Poll, in the United States revealed that 63 per cent of the American public are in favour of price and wage control. A similar poll in Canada indicated 75 per cent in favor of price control.

## The CCF and Farm Organizations

By PERCY WRIGHT, M.P., National Chairman for the C.C.F.

FARM ORGANIZATIONS, the labor movement and the C.C.F. are each in their own field the direct result of the changing conditions in a world which is becoming more mechanized and therefore more adapted for mass production and distribution of goods and services. As the tools of the workers, through industrialization, became the property of the factory owners, it was necessary for the worker to organize to ensure himself an equal share in the benefits of that industrialization. Similarly as the processing and distribution of agricultural products came more and more under the control of large processing and distributing organizations and through technological advances in these fields, the farmers found it necessary to organize to protect their own interests. In many instances this has taken the form of co-operatives for the handling and processing of their products.

#### Opposing Interests

However, as both labor and farmer organized for the purpose of protecting their own interests, they found that other interests, through political means, had been able to obtain legislation which was more favorable to them, and enabled them to maintain their monopoly control on much of the machinery of production and distribution.

That is why the C.C.F. was organized. That is why we find farmer and labor working harmon-



PERCY E. WRIGHT

iously in our organization to secure for each their fair share of the abundance we can produce in Canada; organized in a political party of their own whose aim is the equitable distribution of the fruits of their labor.

#### Similar Policies

There is a striking similarity between the agricultural policies advocated by the C.C.F. and those advanced by the various farm organizations in Canada. This is not surprising. Both are the result of the study and experience of many local groups pooling their knowledge and out of their practical experience drafting the remedies which they believe would best

solve their difficulties.

Many of the same individuals belong to both organizations, and it is only natural that when attending conventions or local organization meetings they should advocate the same policies.

The question in our minds therefore should be: How can we obtain the maximum co-operation to get the common results we all desire? Democracy is built on the fact that as individuals we are each prepared to accept some of the responsibilities for the operation and management of services which we desire for our community.

#### Take Active Part

It would, therefore, seem to me that the best approach to our problem is to see that as farmers we are taking an active part in our various farm movements, building them, and pointing out the necessary steps that we must take to secure economic freedom and equality; pointing out that, while monopoly control exists as the result of past political favors and special privileges, we cannot expect the necessary changes to be made by those who themselves created these special privileges; pointing out that we now have a political instrument in the C.C.F., which is built as their own organizations are from the bottom up, and has no other objective than to build up by democratic means a

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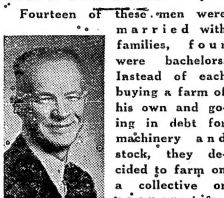
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## IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

Four years ago eighteen adventurous ex-servicemen in Saskatchewan decided to try a new way of farming. They pooled their meagre resources of about \$3,000 apiece (including a \$2,300 Veterans' Land grant) and applied to the provincial government for a lease of a block of Crown land near Matador, about 55 miles north of Swift Current.



Fourteen of these men were married with families, four were bachelors. Instead of each having a farm of his own and going in debt for machinery and stock, they decided to farm on a collective or co-operative basis. Friends and neighbors shook their heads. Some called it an adventure in Communism and predicted an early failure of the enterprise. It couldn't possibly succeed, because "free" men will not submit to "regimentation". Collective farming was a violation of the spirit of independence of free Canadians. There would be no incentive for the "go-getters" to do their best and share equally with those who may lack the "drive" and energy or imagination. This was just another Utopian dream doomed to failure, said the critics. Collective farming was a way of life in totalitarian countries, behind the "iron curtain". Thank goodness, Canada was still the "land of the free and the home of the brave".

Well, four years have passed since the eighteen "adventurers" launched their Matador collective experiment. They are still there. No one has any intention of leaving the project. They have not only survived an 85% crop loss of their 1947 season by hail, 65% loss of 1950 crop by frost, and most of 1949 crop by drought, but they have, in spite of it, built up a collective stake beyond their fondest hopes. Here is the record of the "pilgrims' progress".

Each of the 14 married members occupies an \$8,000 modern house; each member has a \$4,000 equity in the co-op's machinery, transport equipment, farm buildings and livestock. Most have new model cars, radios, washing machines, and some have sizeable bank accounts.

They have reduced their working week to 54 hours in comparison with the 84-hour week of individual "enterprises". Their target is the 40-hour week. These Matador co-operators and their families know nothing of loneliness and isolation, in spite of the fact that they are located in one of the most inaccessible parts of the province. Their houses are only 50 feet apart, arranged in a crescent facing a community park with a tennis court and a playground. There is also a community hall where the 51 collective farmers and members of their families hold meetings, dances and parties. This winter a day school is being organized. Each member takes his turn to do Sunday chores. On week days a two-man team takes care

## CCF Convention Reports

## CCYM GIVES VIEWS ON WAR AND PEACE

Declaring that "it was not enough to abolish the atomic bomb and that all warfare must be abolished," the Alberta C.C.Y.M. convention called upon the Soviet government and especially Russian youth, to help bring the cold war to an end, to restore the freedom of the eastern European countries and to join in international co-operation. The convention likewise called upon leaders of the capitalist world to do their part in freeing the colonial peoples and in replacing imperialism by co-operation between free peoples.

Another resolution, called for "the provincial government to enter into negotiations with the federal government to jointly provide full and free tuition at the University of Alberta for all Alberta young people who have the capacity, attitude and character requisite to such training."

Other resolutions urged that the People's Republic of China be admitted to the United Nations, called on the U.N. to mediate the conflict in Indo-China and condemned the Canadian government for permitting loans to Franco Spain.

The high-handed tactics of the Alberta government in attempting to impose counties on several areas of the province were also condemned.

of the morning chores in rotation. In many other ways, community life provides opportunities for taking the sting out of life on the farm.

The secret of the success of these adventurers is the simple fact that by the collective method the cost of operation has been reduced by one-half. The cost of machinery on their project is only one-third of what it would be if each operated individually. They use Diesel tractors exclusively. As individual farmers they could not afford the use of such \$8,000 power units. The cost of operation has been reduced from \$5 per acre to \$2.50. Specialization is another important factor in reducing the cost of farming operations.

And here is how they share the fruits of their labor. Each member earns \$5 per day between April and November and 50¢ per hour in winter time. When the crops are in and the bills are paid, the surplus is distributed according to the number of days to the member's credit. During illness the sick man draws the \$5 allowance as usual. Each one gets a week's holiday with pay, some time between seeding and harvest. House rent consists of an insurance premium plus 5% depreciation charge. Members wishing to withdraw may collect their share in two years' time.

The moral of this report is, of course, that collective farming is the practical way of meeting rising costs of farm operations. It is the co-operation way proposed by the C.C.F. in every sphere of life.

Matador farmers have demonstrated that free men can work in voluntary association for the common good without jeopardizing their freedom. Seventeen other collective experiments have been launched in Saskatchewan and the idea is taking root. It is the answer to those who argue about human nature, loss of incentive, regimentation and Communism.

## NATIONAL C.C.Y.M. PRESIDENT HERE

Carl Hamilton, national president of the C.C.Y.M., stressed the need of C.C.F. assistance to the C.C.Y.M. now in terms of finance and guidance, as he spoke to the Alberta C.C.Y.M. convention. "There is a need for some older person to provide experience and friendly advice to the local units," he said.

The national C.C.Y.M. president outlined organizational procedure and gave helpful suggestions as the convention discussed ways and means of expanding during the coming year. The need of a definite social and educational program was stressed. Possibilities of closer co-operation between the Saskatchewan and the Alberta C.C.Y.M. were put forward. A program for members at large was considered.

## LIESEMER, ROPER, SCOTT AT C.C.Y.M.

"We may feel a sense of discouragement because the movement is small and growth is slow," said A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A., C.C.F. advisor to the C.C.Y.M. to the C.C.Y.M. provincial convention Saturday, November 18. "But success is not completely a matter of members. It is the extent to which Socialist philosophy is adopted by the people of Canada. It is our task in the C.C.Y.M. to hasten that process."

Roper and Scott  
Elmer E. Roper, M.L.A., C.C.F. provincial leader, congratulated the young people on their convention as he spoke to the afternoon sessions. "Truly," Mr. Roper declared, "if you would see the monument of the C.C.F., look about you."

"Socialism is as good for prosperous conditions as in depressions," pointed out Dr. Frank Scott, former National C.C.F. Chairman, as he spoke briefly to the convention.

Most of the young people attended the Harvest Ball sponsored by the Edmonton C.C.Y.M. Saturday evening.

"There are at least five or six areas where chances for C.C.Y.M. groups are good," pointed out Margaret Walter, provincial C.C.Y.M. organizer, in her report to the provincial C.C.Y.M. convention at Edmonton. She outlined the preliminary work she did this summer in contacting various young people in the central part of the province. Organization will necessarily be conducted on a volunteer basis but provincial executive members plan to play their part in sparking activity in their home districts.

Carl Hamilton left Sunday for Ottawa to attend the national C.C.Y.M. executive meetings.

## Civic Candidates

## CONSTITUENCIES TO DECIDE MATTER

Entry of C.C.F. locals into municipal politics will be left to the decision of the constituency association concerned, it was decided at a board meeting of the Alberta C.C.F. following the annual convention in Edmonton, November 18, 17 and 18.

A resolution urging C.C.F. participation in civic politics was proposed by the Calgary C.C.F. and

along with several other resolutions was referred to the Provincial Board for consideration when a full agenda did not allow time to deal with them.

Approval was given to a resolution favoring the abolition of property qualifications for urban and rural municipal councillors or aldermen.

The next convention will be asked to consider inaugurating into its program certain sections providing for direct democracy through referendum and initiative on municipal, provincial and federal level.

## PROVINCIAL BOARD NAMES COMMITTEES

Elmer E. Roper, J. E. Cook, Les Harris, Roy Jamha and N. P. Finemore were appointed to the Oil Policy Committee at the meeting of the C.C.F. Provincial Board held following the Alberta C.C.F. convention in Edmonton Nov. 16-18.

Roy Jamha was asked to chair the Labor Committee and the executive was requested to name six members to the Foreign Policy Committee.

Ald. R. T. Alderman, Robert Carlyle, Roy Jamha and N. P. Liesemer, M.L.A., and C. Wenas were appointed as a committee to investigate the possibility of interesting Labor, or other kindred groups in the proposal to acquire a summer camp.

## REITERATE STAND ON RURAL POWER

Reiterating the position of the C.C.F. on the question of rural electrification as set forth in its election platform, gratification was expressed that the Farmers' Union of Alberta had expressed similar views on this matter, when the Provincial Board dealt with a number of resolutions referred to it by the Alberta C.C.F. convention.

The convention went on record as supporting the contention of C.C.F. Leader, M. J. Coldwell, that the initial price of wheat for the coming season be not less than \$1.75.

## Hospitalization

Decision was made to continue to press strongly for a hospitalization plan which will bring medical services within reach of the average person in the lower income groups.

Approval was given a resolution favoring "a judicious expenditure of the accumulating public revenue on such public services as school building improvement, irrigation, road repairs and the building of such new highways as the proposed Whitecourt one."

## NOTICE

The People's Weekly regrets exceedingly that they published an ad for the Calgary Power Co. without having received insertion instructions from the agency.

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## ONLY THE PEOPLE ARE HURT

SASKATCHEWAN motorists are getting better insurance coverage for \$28.50 a year than Alberta motorists can get for \$85.00. This is a financial fact that no one attempts to deny. But more important, the Saskatchewan insurance scheme also provides for compensation to all residents of the province who are victims of automobile accidents, something not available to the people of any other Canadian province.

In order to extend some of the benefits of low-cost insurance to residents of other provinces, the Saskatchewan government last year bought the Saskatchewan Guarantee and Fidelity Company. The company had a license to sell insurance in Alberta. But when the company was acquired by the Saskatchewan government its license in Alberta was cancelled. Three other provinces have now refused to allow the company to do business within their borders.

This action is not hurting the Saskatchewan government insurance scheme, which is providing low-cost insurance to Saskatchewan people and piling up reserves and surpluses while doing it. But the provincial governments, which, like Alberta, are refusing licenses to the Saskatchewan company are depriving their people of the opportunity to buy insurance at reasonable rates.

An insurance company owned by the "financial big shots" of Wall Street, Montreal or Toronto has no trouble getting a license in Alberta. But a company owned by the people of a neighboring province is refused the chance to compete. And no one is hurt but the people of Alberta.

## WAS SUCCESS BEFORE

THE Financial Post of November 25 says editorially that price control is no cure for inflation. It calmly reminds that the American public, which, according to Gallup, is 63% in favor of price and wage control, is all wrong. The Post undoubtedly thinks that Canadians are even more misguided, since 75% of them want price control!

The Post, however, knows best, and proves it, by quoting Mr. Russell Leffingwell, former chairman of J.P. Morgan & Co. Inc., of the United States.

Mr. Leffingwell of Morgan's is of the opinion that controls were all right during wartime, but now they would increase consumer buying and would discourage production.

The Post's first argument against price and wage control is that many trade unions cannot be trusted to toe a wage line, and yet it quotes Mr. Leffingwell, who says that business won't produce adequately with a price line! If the Post has a low opinion of unions, its admission of the attitude of business need hardly be commented upon.

Neither of these arguments can cancel out the fact that price control was a success before, and could be again.

## SQUANDERED FOR A PITTANCE

IN ITS December issue the *Farm and Ranch Review* has come out strongly against the export of Alberta natural gas. In doing so, it has taken the position expressed by this paper on numerous occasions in connection with the development of our oil and gas resources. It says: "The longer we can hold on to our natural resources the more valuable they will become. What does a year or five years or ten years mean if, by waiting, we can make sure that the boon of these great natural resources will be used to the maximum ultimate advantage of our country and our people?"

It is refreshing to read something like that in a paper that cannot be accused of being a C.C.F. supporter. The *People's Weekly* and the C.C.F. in Alberta have been advocating in season and out of season a policy of development of our oil and gas resources that will bring the largest possible long-term benefit to the people of the province.

We agree with the *Farm and Ranch Review* that "What is important is not the few million dollars in profits that these pipeline promoters can skim off the top of their operation. It is the long-term and noble vision of a Canada with a future." Words like these have been uttered in the legislature by the C.C.F. members and reported and repeated in these columns. We have often said, as the *Review* says, "what is important is not a greedy grab by franchise hunters for a quick promoter's profit. It is faith in the destiny of these prairies and their people."

Some day in the not distant future the people of Alberta are going to look back on these days of roaring big provincial revenues and recognize them as the days when the people's heritage was squandered for what then will seem to be a pittance.

The report in this issue of the activity on behalf of the C.C.F. and *The People's Weekly* in the Lindale district should be an inspiration to other groups throughout the province.

## THE THIRD COLUMN

## FEELING THE PINCH

Financial Post, Nov. 18:

"High living costs are hacking away at Canadian business."

"Hardest-hit is the so-called 'little man'—first to feel the pinch—change in buying habits by non-union 'white collar' Canadians."

"Smaller stores and food establishments—many of which are heavy on inventory—are particularly hit by the slack in 'white collar' buying."

"The trend appears on the upswing."

"A Dun & Bradstreet of Canada Ltd. report shows business failures were considerably higher in the third quarter of 1950 than in corresponding quarters of the two previous years. They brought the nine-month total of 546, compared with 415 last year and 328 in 1948."

"The retail group of companies still shows the greatest number of failures with foods, restaurants, and apparel leading in its subgroups."

## SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Premier T. C. Douglas at Saskatchewan C.C.F. Convention, Nov. 2 to 4:

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## TIMELY TOPICS

By William Irvine

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## DEBT-FREE MONEY?

Debt-free money was and still is the slogan of the Alberta government. The province's natural resources in oil could have made the government independent of money-lenders at least insofar as financing education is concerned had the oil not been sold at fire prices to the only monopoly which



is in a position to pay cash. But apart from that, the government is the face of the speaking of its spokesmen about debt-free money, is actually offering inducements to school boards to go further and further into debt.

Here, in effect, is what the government says to the school boards: "If you will borrow money to build a school we will lend you one of your own oil dollars for every three that you borrow." In fact, they go a little further and say: "We will even give you 50c for every three dollars you borrow." In other words, our government is offering inducements to school boards in order to increase their debt burdens. Could there be a more acceptable policy to the money-lending big shots than that? Debt-free, my eye!

## HARD PRESSED

"The history of democracies is strewn with the wrecks of crusading parties which destroyed themselves after they became governments when complacency took the place of a driving urge for reform." Thus spake the *Regina Leader-Post*. And having said that it proceeds to put the C.C.F. into the bed of its generalizations and says: "When the relative merits of daylight saving and standard time becomes the leading issue at a C.C.F. convention, it suggests that the deterioration of the C.C.F. party in Saskatchewan has gone far further than even some of its bitterest opponents were prepared to admit."

We are a little surprised at the above criticism. The daylight saving topic so belittles the mentality of the *Leader-Post* that it might have been expected to produce an editorial of commendation of the C.C.F. for discussing it. But it appears that no matter what the C.C.F. discusses or does, the *Leader-Post* must be against it. For when the C.C.F. discusses its Socialist objectives the *Leader-Post* screams that the C.C.F. should be destroyed for urging reforms so radical. And when it protests against the silly imposition of daylight saving, which the *Leader-Post* and its golf-playing fraternity, sponsored, then the C.C.F. is seen to have deteriorated beyond hope. There can be little doubt that the *Leader-Post* would rather see the C.C.F. in a state of deterioration than in the vigorous state of urging reforms, some of which might clip the lying writings of the capitalist press. However, if the C.C.F. selected for discussion subjects which would be approved by the *Leader-Post*, the C.C.F. would not only be in a state of deterioration, it would have

arrived at a degree of putrid decay so offensive that it would have to be buried.

So it would seem that the discussing of daylight saving is not so much a sign of deterioration on the part of the C.C.F. as the use of that incident by the *Leader-Post* is evidence of how hard pressed that journal is to find effective missiles to throw at its political opponents.

## WHO SHALL DECIDE?

Someone must decide who shall be permitted to practice law, medicine, etc., in the province of Alberta. Up to the present, a committee of each profession concerned has decided whether or not an individual applicant should be permitted to engage in the practice of his profession. Even when it is admitted that Alberta's professional people stand high in ethical principles, still of all the ways which might be selected of licensing practicing professionals, the one now in vogue is surely the worst.

What would lawyers' think if, for example, no one could take up farming in Alberta except such a person is authorized to do so by a committee of the F.U.A.? The personal economic interests of professionals should not be allowed to bar the door against men who might be better than those who have the power to prevent the entering of competitors.

The general public should welcome the declared intention of the Alberta government to take over the licensing of professional people who desire to practice their professions in this province. It is the first duty of any government to protect the public interests. No democratically inclined people can tolerate a situation in which a person may be deprived by his competitors from earning his living. And yet while the present practice continues there is always present the possibility of that abuse arising.

Of course, it is argued that a government may also abuse its licensing power by using it for political purposes. And while there may be some danger of that, the people always have recourse to the ballot, but there is no way other than that proposed by which the people can correct the abuses which might be perpetrated by a professional committee with absolute power vested in the profession.

It is all nonsense to argue that government licensing will lower professional standards. Government officials will have to pass upon the academic qualifications of applicants. Any person who has graduated in medicine or law or engineering or in any other professional course from any accredited university in the Dominion should have the right, if he desires, to practice in this province. If and when the question of whether a license of a professional should be cancelled because of improper practices should arise no doubt the government will provide a means of consultation with qualified practitioners in the profession involved.



# Can We Have An Alberta CCF Camp? "Friends Of People's Weekly"

Can we have a permanent Alberta C.C.F. camp? It's up to Alberta C.C.F.ers!

Last spring the C.C.F.Y.M. approached the C.C.F. with the idea of holding a summer camp. The two executives looked for a camp site and could not find one for rent. We started inquiries then as to the possibilities of acquiring one of our own which would always be available.

Now we have a chance to own one of our own!

## Ideal Location

It is at an ideal location at Sylvan Lake, which is just about

## New Books and Pamphlets

The Literature Committee of the C.C.F. reminds readers that a number of new booklets and pamphlets are being added to those already on hand.

**Facts About C.C.F. Government in Saskatchewan** (Price 10 cents) gives a most interesting picture of increased benefits obtained by the people through the C.C.F. Here, for 10 cents, are the facts and figures which every C.C.F.-er should have.

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**Comment**—The new C.C.F. up-to-the-minute facts and figures magazine, \$1.00 buys a year's subscription; single copies 10c each. This month's issue, which includes the story of the oil grab, is one you won't want to miss.

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## "We All Did Our Share"

If there are many other groups like the Lindale C.C.F. Club in Alberta, the People's Weekly is not likely to go under because of lack of financial support. This enterprising group of workers sponsored a chicken supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Anderson on Saturday, November, 25, and adjourned to Mr. Anderson's Lindale store for a whist drive. Proceeds were sufficient to pay the expenses of the C.C.F. delegates to the provincial convention with \$30 over, for new subscriptions to the People's Weekly.

When the P.W. asked for the names of those who organized this highly successful affair, the reply was: "We couldn't single out anyone specially; we all did our share."

It is hoped that other groups throughout the province will follow Lindale's lead and "do their share" to carry on the work of the movement in Alberta.

families, and to C.C.F. young people. The investment you make now will bring benefits year after year after year—perhaps long after you may have passed on. How much is this kind of C.C.F. dividend worth to you?

## Want to Know Now

If your faith in the C.C.F. and in the C.C.Y.M. has dollar and cents value to you, will you do this: Sit down at once and write a letter to the C.C.F. office and tell how much you will invest in the permanent camp. Do not send any money now for we will not collect any until we are sure we have enough. Please do not delay. We can't ask the present owners to hold this for us, indefinitely. We'll have to have time to draw up the necessary documents. We'll have to have time to plan for the first annual camp next summer. So ask yourself what you can do and write us please AT ONCE. If enough can be raised to finance this, the C.C.Y.M. has agreed to undertake responsibility for camp organization.

One more thing: The Provincial Board of the C.C.F. feels that C.C.F. people are called upon so often for current expenses, and respond so generously, that the board does not favor a real campaign. In other words, this is up to us individually—we will not receive any personal calls or letters. I am convinced that if we want to make this investment in our own future and in the future of young Albertans, we can do it. But this is up to us to get behind this as individuals. We'll have to do our own pushing—and the first person to push is ourselves! So let's sit down and let the Provincial Office know at once what we each can do.

## Starts Off With \$100 Bill

To start the ball rolling I'll invest a one hundred dollar bill in Camp C.C.F. Are there 10 other C.C.F.ers in all the Alberta membership that will match that with another hundred dollar bill? If there are, that will put a big hole in our requirements and will make Camp C.C.F. almost a certainty. Let's hear by return mail what you can do.

A. J. E. LIESEMER.

## VOLUNTARY MEDICAL PLAN NOT ENOUGH

WASHINGTON (LPA).—Figures published in The Journal of the American Medical Association disprove its claims that Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans do the job of paying for medical care. A survey by a doctor and a statistician, of 1,796 patients who spent two weeks in a hospital showed that "The cost of a single illness is often beyond the capacity of the family to meet." This is exactly what proponents of national health insurance have been saying all along.

One "lapsed" male to another: "I'll bet when the FBI says women make poor detectives they mean single women."

## FRANK SCOTT'S TALK IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Those who heard Dr. Frank R. Scott speak at a public meeting in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on November 17, will be glad to hear that the C.C.F. National Office is publishing a pamphlet based on his address to the national convention, which will cover much of the same material used in his Alberta speech.

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## RAY SCHMIDT HEADS ASPELUND C.C.F. CLUB

Aspelund C.C.F. Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carlyle on the night of Nov. 27 with 28 members and guests present.

The guest speaker, Rev. W. A. McLeod, of Sylvan Lake, gave an excellent address on "Living the C.C.F. Philosophy". After musical offerings by Thelma Carlyle, violin, and Art Wigmore, piano, the assembly played bridge, whist, and canasta.

Prizes were won by Bob Carlyle at bridge, Jim Park at whist, and Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Schmidt at canasta.

The officers of the Aspelund Club are: Ray Schmidt, Pres., Cyril Ironside, Vice-Pres., and Lloyd Herman, Secretary.

Fraternally,

RAY E. SCHMIDT.

## ATOMIC FILM AT C.C.F. MEETING ON MONDAY

Two interesting films, one dealing with atomic warfare, will be shown at the Edmonton C.C.F. meeting in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Monday, December 11, at 8:15 p.m. Members are asked to note the change in the regular meeting date from the third Tuesday to the second Monday in the month.

Provincial Board members for East and West Edmonton will be elected at this meeting.

## National C.C.F.

## 1950 CONVENTION REPORT PRINTED

OTTAWA (CPA).—Reports of the 1950 C.C.F. Convention have been printed and are now available at the National Office. The report contains all the resolutions considered by the convention and indicates the disposition of each. Also included are the minutes of proceedings, financial statements and the addresses of the retiring National Chairman, Frank Scott, of the National President and Leader, M. J. Coldwell, of the retiring National Secretary, David Lewis, and of the retiring C.C.Y.M. President, Walter Parker.

The C.C.F. National Constitution, as amended at the convention, has been published as a special appendix to the report.

Copies of the convention report are being mailed to delegates who attended the convention. A limited supply of additional reports is available at \$1 each for others who may wish to obtain copies.

"That's a pretty bird, grand-ma," said a little boy.

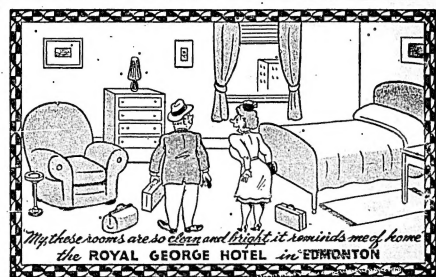
"Yes, and he never cries," replied the old lady.

"That's because he's never washed," replied the youngster.

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## A Woman's Place

Editorial in the Christian Science Monitor

A WOMAN'S place is in the job for which her talents and qualifications fit her. The appointment of Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg as assistant secretary of defence in charge of manpower and personnel policy is a good appointment, not because Mrs. Rosenberg is a woman or because the job is a woman's job but because Mrs. Rosenberg is well trained for it.

She has been a labor and public relations consultant in New York City since 1924; she has served there as regional director successively for the National Industrial Recovery Administration, the Social Security Board, and the War Manpower Commission. She is said to have been the choice both of Gen. George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defence, and W. Stuart Symington, chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

Whether in war or in peace, a large percentage of America's

"manpower" is "womanpower"—in the ranks of the armed services, in civilian employment for the Defence Department, in the shops and offices of defence industry, and in the homes which determine the morale of the nation's soldiery.

But that is not the point. Most of the jobs in defence or industry or elsewhere today are neither "men's jobs" nor "women's jobs"; they are either men's or women's jobs, depending on the most capable available applicant.

That should be true, and measurably is true right up to the top administrative levels in government and business. It is good to have another woman in a "little cabinet" position in Washington. Not because any set proportion of official posts and prestige should be the prerogative of women, but because jobs of whatever caliber should be open to the person best qualified and most available, whether man or woman.

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# CCF Convention Reports

## Urge Gov't Plan

## ASK M.L.A.'S PRESS AUTO INSURANCE

Alberta's two C.C.F. M.L.A.'s were instructed by the C.C.F. provincial convention to continue their efforts to obtain automobile insurance at cost for residents of this province. The resolution, approved by the delegates to the Alberta C.C.F. convention, noted that Saskatchewan government insurance rates are "fantastically below those charged Alberta residents by private profit-seeking financial insurance companies," and furthermore these low rates also give Saskatchewan residents automobile accident compensation.

In the event they are unable to persuade the government to introduce automobile insurance at cost, the C.C.F. M.L.A.'s were asked to press for the introduction of legislation "which would at least provide automobile accident compensation."

## Auto Insurance at Cost

Note was made of the fact that the Alberta government allows American-owned automobile insurance companies to sell insurance in Alberta while refusing to allow a Saskatchewan owned company to sell insurance at lower rates. This attitude was branded as "a rank discrimination in favor of foreign financial interests." A resolution endorsed by the delegates called on the government to set up its own insurance company or permit its residents to benefit by the lower rates offered by the Saskatchewan company.

## Low Rental Houses

Pointing out that the N.H.A. scheme does not meet the needs of the low wage groups for low rental houses, the convention urged the provincial government to enter into a scheme with the federal government whereby the housing needs of the low income groups might be met.

Request was made also to the provincial government to study the introduction of a scheme of free legal aid for persons in need of it.

The government was urged to provide a higher grant for education rather than increasing municipal taxes for educational purposes.

The C.C.F. was asked to "continue to be vocal in their demands for old age pensions at a lower age, and without the means test."

The federal government will be requested to "extend civil defence to include all social disasters (such as floods and fires), in peace as well as in war."

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## REGINA MANIFESTO WILL BE STUDIED

Copies of the C.C.F. Manifesto will be made available to all local groups of the province so that they may study it and make any suggestions they may have as to alterations or additions. This action by the C.C.F. provincial convention in Edmonton recently was prompted by the decision of the national convention to examine this document with a view to making adjustments or additions as may be found advisable.

The National Council will also be requested to send to provincial sections any recommendations which they may wish to make so that locals may have an opportunity to study them prior to the next national convention. It was suggested also, that copies of suggestions which may be sent to the National office from any province be made available to each Provincial Executive in order that the entire membership may be apprised of all suggestions, which may be put forward.

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## C.C.F. APPROVES A BUDGET OF \$18,500

Approving a budget of \$18,500, the convention delegates themselves subscribed around \$2,700 to help meet this objective at the Friday afternoon session of the C.C.F. annual convention.

It was decided to change the membership year to coincide with the fiscal year.

The executive was empowered to hold the next annual convention as soon as possible in December, just prior to or following the farmers' convention.

By resolution, the delegates agreed to "enlist voluntary workers in every constituency who will help to organize canvassing for membership and for replenishing the organization fund, as well as to assist in organizing clubs by arranging meeting places, preferably in private homes and in helping to publicize the meetings."

The necessity of this type of assistance was stressed by William Irvine, director of organization, who pointed to the fact that the territory to be covered is large and finances limited.

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## C.C.F. SPEAKERS AT SUPPER MEETING

"The human race is one family; there must be a World Government for a World's People based on the dignity of man and equality of Nations," Mr. William Irvine, C.C.F. Provincial Director of Organization, told a supper meeting of the Calgary C.C.F. in the New Commodore Cafe on Tuesday, November 14. Speaking on "The Creed of a Democratic Socialist," Mr. Irvine told his hearers that a Social Democrat believes in political and economic democracy for ourselves and for all the people in the world and recognizes the need of building a practical technique by which democracy can function.

An exceptionally large attendance greeted Mr. Irvine and Mrs. Nellie Peterson, Provincial Vice-President and an extra table was laid to accommodate the large group. In her remarks Mrs. Peterson developed the theme that the C.C.F. is winning the things for which it is fighting by forcing the old line parties slowly to accept the C.C.F. ideas to prevent the C.C.F. from getting to power. "We are here," concluded Mrs. Peterson, "because we are the kind of people who are willing to share our citizenship responsibility in building a better Alberta, a better Canada, a better world."

Honor Mrs. Katazaly.

Mrs. Paul Katazaly was hon-

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society in which all may share on an equitable basis.

The direct experience of working with our neighbor to attain common objectives, is the best demonstration of our sincerity and also of our ability to achieve these objectives. We must, at the same time, never fail to point out the danger of losing sight of over-all socialist principles in the struggle to better the individual position of one particular economic group.

This is the key position which the C.C.F. holds as at political party in our democracy and it is the responsibility which the individual C.C.F. member must assume in his membership in the economic or social organizations to which he belongs.

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## British Coal

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over the next period of twenty years, but the area of the best mines will be extended.

The first objective of the plan is to reorganize and reconstruct British coal mines so that coal for home use as well as for export can be produced with fewer miners. The plan will include arrangements for any displaced miners to be moved to other industries without loss of employment.

Synthetic music, produced by photography instead of musical instruments, is being pioneered by the National Film Board of Canada.

## FARM PAPER URGES PRICE CONTROLS

OTTAWA (CPA)—"Tinkering with devices of a tentative sort to restrict credit buying, and with other such measures, is a poor substitute for price control," declared a recent editorial in the Western Farm Leader, published in Calgary. "It seems unlikely," continued the editorial writer, "that these measures can seriously check the tendencies of which the farmers rightly complain."

Remains Indifferent

The editorial stated that while the costs of farm operation and the costs of living are rising steadily, the returns from farm

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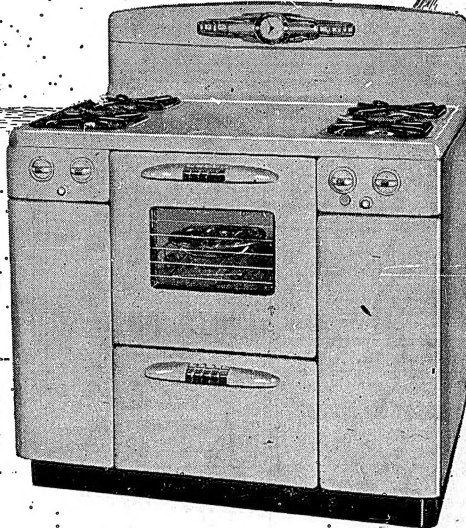
production are continuing to decline. "Yet the federal government remains indifferent to appeals for action by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Co-operative Union of Canada. Those organizations have urged that immediate steps be taken to work out an efficient plan of price controls on a basis fair alike to industry and to agriculture."



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## Sweeping Gains

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people have definitely taken the first opportunity to say that they made a mistake. Right throughout New Zealand the people have expressed the same opinion in "no uncertain terms."

A significant fact was that even in Christchurch, the home city of Prime Minister Holland and the place which includes his parliamentary constituency, the people elected a Labor mayor and a Labor city council.

Asked to comment on the results of the municipal elections, Mr. Holland said: "I have nothing to say on the local body elections. I have always regarded them as not my sphere."

But Opposition leader Holland of three years ago was not so reticent. When Labor did not do so well at the local polls in 1947 he commented: "The Labor government must realize that it is on the way out. The writing is on the wall."

Now the writing is on the wall for Mr. Holland and his Tory administration. New Zealand Labor Party president, A. H. Nordmeyer, says that in two years' time (at the general election of 1952) the people's vote will be even more emphatic. After one year of Nationalist misgovernment the people had plainly indicated their resentment and registered their protest.

Mr. Walter Nash, M.P., deputy-leader of the Parliamentary Labor Party, interpreted the result of the municipal elections as a clear indication of the people's resentment against and disillusionment with the government.

"The result brings to thousands of electors," said Mr. Nash, "the hope that the day draws nearer when they can rid themselves of the Nationalists and their privileged legislation."

"The voting is the conscious, determined expression of the resentment of the electors against the most grave breach of election promises recorded in the history of New Zealand."

## C.I.O. Asks Say

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including the Voice of America, and the E.C.A. Foreign relations are too vital these days to be left entirely to professional diplomats, the C.I.O. leader indicated.

Commenting on the recent Congressional campaign, Murray said it hit a new low in the history of American politics. "Never," he observed, "was there a more diabolical campaign in the history of the United States."

## Profits Up Six-fold

Profits have increased six-fold since 1936, the C.I.O. chief declared. Fourteen years ago corporate profits in this country were \$4,100,000,000, he pointed out, while in 1950 they were \$24,500,000,000. Meanwhile, the buying power of corporate taxes had increased 49% in the last four years while the buying power of wages has gone up only 6%.

"There is no moral justification for such a profit picture when so many in this country actually are under-nourished," Murray stated. "The C.I.O. believes in a free enterprise system with reasonable profits. But we don't believe in legitimate theft under free enterprise." He singled out automobile profits for special comment.

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elapsed before the refusal from Manitoba was forwarded in a letter from Hon. William Morton, Minister of Public Works. The letter said: "Your application for a license to operate in Manitoba has been under consideration and was recently placed before the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and I must now advise you that your application was not approved for the following reasons:

(1) The company is owned by the Crown.

(2) It is considered that the government of another province should not be authorized to carry on a commercial business in this province."

## Against Public Ownership

"As in the case of the three other provinces, the company was prepared to meet all license requirements," said Mr. Vallau in commenting on the refusal. "The excuse has again been made that a commercial business owned by a province should not be allowed to operate in another province."

"We feel that this stand is merely a ploy for a concerted campaign against the expansion of Saskatchewan's publicly-owned insurance program," Mr. Vallau stated.

## Afraid of Competition

"Despite the refusal by other provinces to permit this company to write directly a rapid growth in business has shown for the company in its first year of operation under the new management. The business is being developed by way of a reinsurance business with other companies in Canada, United States, Iceland, Sweden, Great Britain, Belgium, France, and Israel."

Mr. Vallau pointed out "it does mean that we can't extend to citizens of four provinces the direct benefits of our low-cost insurance. The people of these provinces will have to combine paying high insurance rates." The insurance companies who charge these high rates are no doubt pleased that their effort to keep us out of their provinces has succeeded. They talk about "free competition" but are afraid to meet us in open competition," Mr. Vallau concluded.

## C.C.F. Speakers

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the sing-song which set the pace for the early part of the afternoon program. The meeting was presided over by Ald. R. E. Alderman, assisted by A. J. E. Lesmer, M.L.A. It was the first meeting since Mr. Alderman became president of the Calgary Local. He expressed the thanks of the Calgary C.C.F. to Mr. Irvine and Mrs. Peterson for providing so enjoyable and inspiring an evening, and his own gratification at the size and enthusiasm of the gathering. "This is a happy and heartening beginning for the Calgary C.C.F. of a bigger and better winter's progress," declared Mr. Alderman.

## Personal Stuff

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to pay a fee of fifty cents a month, or, as an alternative, secure four new subscriptions for the People's Weekly at two dollars per year. Most of those present at the convention signed up. But many, many more are needed to make the project a success and keep the paper going. On another page in this issue is a form to be filled out by those who wish to become members of the "Friends of the People's Weekly Club." Is it worth an extra fifty cents a month to you to keep the paper going? I hope so, because if the needed support is not forthcoming it will be necessary to quit.

While I am on this subject, I want to express my personal gratitude to those who responded to the pre-convention appeal for contributions to a sustaining fund for the paper. From three hundred loyal friends there came an almost immediate response. I am sorry there were so many who didn't answer. I think I know all the reasons, some of them good reasons. But most of those who did fail to meet the need, also had good reasons for withholding their contributions. They promptly and willingly made. Their interest in the cause to the promotion of which the People's Weekly is dedicated, was more important to them than some of the other things they might have spent the money on. And that's the sort of devotion that keeps a movement like ours going and makes a fellow feel like putting everything he has into it.

At the convention last month a total budget of \$18,500 was adopted for the whole Alberta C.C.F. for 1951. Do you know what that means? It means that if only 7500 C.C.F. people paid an average of ten dollars into the membership fund, a organization fund the budget would be met. Ten dollars. I wonder how many who read this will spend that much in the next couple of months for comparatively trivial and unimportant things. The only way I can account for the reluctance of many people to be less niggardly in respect to the support of a political movement in which they believe, and which they think is necessary because it represents something they can't feel or see—like a cigarette or a movie! And yet, any kind of an analysis of the effect which the C.C.F. has had on the political life of Canada will reveal the fact that every cent expended on it has been returned a hundredfold. One example: there'd have been no family allowances in Canada if there had been no C.C.F. (I wish 1,850 people would quickly show me that I'm being pessimistic when I suggest that the \$18,500 may be hard to get!)

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